

Bear Incident Reporting Protocol

Sawtooth National Recreation Area

This procedure is to be used when you either observe or hear reports of bear human interaction. A bear/human interaction may include any interaction where a bear receives a reward to an interaction with humans. This could escalate to an aggressive bear that damages campsites/equipment, acts aggressively towards people (does not respond to harassment), or attacks a human. The reporting of general bear sightings is not necessary unless bears are repeatedly observed in and around campgrounds or residences, or in the vicinity of an active nuisance complaint.

It is important to try to report as much of the following information as possible. Use the form provided.

☐ Specific location (coordinates preferred)

Specific interaction:

☐ Date and time of day

☐ Color of bear(s)

☐ Number of bears ☐ Unique markings the bear(s) might have

☐ Name, phone number, address of reporting party

☐ Damage if any, and incident description;

Contact the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG). If the incident occurs within the **Salmon River Watershed** contact the following IDFG employees in the order listed, with first priority to the Conservation Officer in the area.

1. Kyle Christiansen, Sr. Conservation Officer in Stanley 208-851-1957 kyle.christiansen@idfg.idaho.gov
2. Sarah Meronk, Sr. Wildlife Tech in Salmon 317-956-0070 sarah.meronk@idfg.idaho.gov
3. Tempe Regan, Regional Wildlife Biologist in Salmon 406-396-4856 tempe.regan@idfg.idaho.gov
4. Justin Williams, District Conservation Officer in Salmon 208-303-0721
justin.williams@idfg.idaho.gov
5. Greg Painter, Regional Wildlife Manager in Salmon 208-993-1295 greg.painter@idfg.idaho.gov
6. Dave Silcock, Regional Conservation Officer in Salmon 208-303-0720 dave.silcock@idfg.idaho.gov
7. Tom Curet, Regional Supervisor in Salmon 208-756-7841 tom.curet@idfg.idaho.gov
8. IDFG Salmon Office Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM 208-756-2271

If the incident occurs within the **Big Wood River Watershed** contact the following IDFG employees in the order listed, with first priority to the Conservation Officer in the area.

1. Clark Shackelford, Sr. Conservation Officer Blaine County, Hailey/Ketchum 208-539-4403
2. Brandyn Hurd, Sr. Conservation Officer Blaine County, Bellevue, Carey, Fish Creek, Little Wood 208-539-4418
3. Lee Garwood, Sr. Conservation Officer Lincoln County 208-539-4416
4. Clint Rogers, District Conservation Officer District Supervisor - Ketchum District 208-539-4411
5. Jake Powell, Wildlife Biologist Regional 208-949-0342
6. Mike McDonald, Wildlife Manager Regional 208-308-2496
7. Josh Royse, Reg. Cons. Off. Regional Law Enforcement Supervisor 208-316-2405
8. IDFG Magic Valley Office Monday-Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM 208-324-4359

Contact by email the Sawtooth NRA personnel listed below. If the incident occurs at a recreation site contact Susan James (or Jerry Cowan) by phone as soon as possible.

Line Officers:

Kirk Flannigan; Area Ranger

kirk.flannigan@usda.gov

office: 208-727-5020

Brian Anderson; Deputy Area Ranger

brian.t.anderson@usda.gov

office: 208-774-3034

Recreation Program:

Susan James; Recreation Program Manager

susan.james@usda.gov

office: 208-727-5035

cell: 406-539-3069

Jerry Cowan, Recreation Technician

jerome.cowan@usda.gov

office: 208-774-3021

cell: 208-993-3302

Wildlife Program

Robin Garwood; Wildlife Biologist

robin.garwood@usda.gov

office: 208-727-50114

cell: 208-481-0222

Law Enforcement:

Greg Stuart; Law Enforcement Officer

greg.stuart@usda.gov

cell: 208-258-0543

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Copy of Form Sent to Local Idaho Department of Fish & Game Contact

Yes

No

Copy of Form Sent to Sawtooth NRA Wildlife Biologist

Yes

No